(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that bridge is not able to cope with the traffic at this point and during the rainy season, the traffic is stranded on both sides of the river for days together;

(c) if so, by when the work on this bridge is likely to start; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in starting the construction of the bridge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to the proposed bridge near Majhighat at Ballia-Chapra road on the border of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. This bridge, when constructed, would fall on a State Road and, as such, the State Governments are primarily responsible for its construction. The foundation stone for this bridge was laid in February, 1979. At present, the existing Pontoon bridge on river Ghagra permits only light traffic to cross. A loan assistance of Rs. 4.50 crores has been approved by the Government of India under Central-Aid-Programme of Loan assistance for State Roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance, the balance cost as well as excess, if any, to be shared by Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The cost of this bridge has since increased to Rs. 7.40 crores and the State Governments have yet to arrive at an agreement on the sharing of the excess above the approved loan. As such no further progress has been made so far.

Declaration of State roads as National Highways

1861. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared some States roads as National Highways during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the number of such roads;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to declare some more State roads as National Highways in 1984-85; and

(d) if so, the roads in Orissa identified to be declared as National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) During the last three years (1981—84), the Government of India have declared only one State road as a National Highway which starts from Villupuram in Tamil Nadu on National Highway No. 45 and terminates at Pondicherry.

(c) Keeping in view financial constraints, Government of India do not propose to declare any state road as a new National Highway during the year 1984-85.

(d) Does not arise.

Contracts signed by N.B.C.C. in Libya and Iraq

1862. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the profit and loss account of each of the contracts signed by the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) in Libya and Iraq;

(b) whether any project is running at a loss, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for the stoppage of work on the Ghat nurses training centre and hostel project in Libya and the prospects for its resumption;

(d) the progress on projects for which an advance amount has not been released by the Libyan clients and the penalty amount which the NBCC will have to pay because of delay;

(e) the amount of outstanding arrears for projects in Libya and whether oil is being accepted in settlement of these payment dues; and

(f) what is NBCC's strategy of operation for overseas bidding especially in Libya and Iraq and what new projects are expected to be signed by it in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) to (c) The requisite information is shown in Statements I, II & III respectively.

(d) Statement showing the progress on projects for which advance amount has not been released by the clients is enclosed as Statement IV. There is no question of paying any penalty by NBCC on account of delay because as per terms of the contract the date of start of work will commence from the date of the release of the mobilisation advance by the clients. Due to non-release of the mobilisation advance, the date of start of the projects has not yet commenced.

(e) Statement showing the outstanding arrears for different projects in Libya is enclosed as Statement V. No decision has yet been taken to accept oil in settlement of the outstandings.

(f) The requisite information is shown in Statement VI.

Statement-I

Profit/loss on overseas projects undertaken by NBCC

Sl. No.	Unit	Profit/Loss (+) (−) (Rs. in lakhs)
		(Provisional)
	(A) Libya upto 31-3-84 (Provisional)	
1	Housing and Hospital	(+) 1644·94
2	Brak Airport	(+) 115·91
3	Ghat Airport	(−) 478·65
4	Bergain & Idree	(+) 43·97
		(+) 1326·17
	(B) Iraq upto 31-3-1984 (Provisional)	
1	University II	(+) 62·17
2	Mosul Hotel	(+) 249·72
3	University I	(−) 127·05
4	Dokin Hotel	(+) 35·51
5	Control Building Kirkuk	(+) 9·14
6	Railway Project	(+) 76·19
7	Flyover Bridge	(−) 143·67
8	Kirkuk-BST	(+) 218·37
9	Shutait Sewarage	(−) 36·89
10	Council of Minister's Bldg.	(−) 14·26
11	Kirkuk-WTP	(+) 250·68
		(+) 579·91
	GRAND TOTAL (A+B) :	(+) 1906·08

Statement-II

Reasons where project suffered losses

1. GHAT AIRPORT:

(1) Because the work of Airforce Camp was thrust on NBCC which was an emergency job, the resources of Ghat Airport had to be diverted to Airforce Camp.

(2) The Primary runway was operationalised by Airforce authorities in April, 1979. The work used to get interrupted during the time of air exercises.

(3) Extensive delay in release of payments by clients due to the liquidity problem in Libya, which affected the procurement of materials and thus the work. As most of the materials were not available in the local markets, these had to be imported. Due to intermittant availability of funds the materials had to be imported in piece meal and import of materials consumed considerable time.

(4) Delay in payment by clients.

2. UNIVERSITY (IRAQ) I:

(1) Because the clients delayed the approval of drawings.

(2) As per contract, the clients were to supply ready made concrete from their batching plant, which used to delay the concreting as it was never available in time.

(3) There was acute shortage of cement.

(4) Outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran resulted in delay in completion and liquidity problems.

3. FLYOVER BRIDGES (IRAQ):

(1) During the execution, the clients suddenly desired a change in design of the bridge. The whole structure had to be redesigned and new drawings prepared. This consumed considerable time.

(2) There was considerable delay in approving the shuttering of RCC girders by the clients.

(3) Non-availability of cement for some time also contributed to the delay.

(4) Out-break of War in Sept. 80 delayed the completion.

4. SHUTAIT SEWARAGE (IRAQ):

(1) Being the first project in Iraq, there was considerable delay in getting the Plant and Machinery and materials from third world markets and then in getting clearance from customs.

(2) The delay in getting decisions from clients/consultants resulted in delay in the completion.

(3) Due to regulations, under Iraq Laws, more work on overtime could not be got done from the same labours, due to which loss in time could not be made up.

5. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUILDING (IRAQ):

(1) Change of layout by the clients and delay in conveying decisions resulted in considerable delay.

(2) Shortage of funds with the clients resulted in cashflow problems which resulted in delay in completion.

(3) Scope of work has also been increased by the clients due to which the time over-run have occurred.

(4) Delay in payment by clients.

Statement-III

Reasons for stoppage of work on Ghat Nurses Training Centre:

The project for nurses training centre and hostel for Doctor was initially awarded to M/s ACCA (A Turkey Company) in 1976 at the Tripoli Schedule of rates prevalent at that time. This Company did not commence the work. In 1981, the said project was awarded to NBCC at 1981 Tripoli schedule of rates. However, the award of work was not approved by the General Peoples Committee, Libya who insisted that instead of awarding the work to N.B.C.C. 1981 Schedule of rates,

the contract of M/s ACCA may be revived and operated. Now M/s. BIZZ (a sister concern of M/s. (ACCA) has been directed by the General Peoples Committee to undertake the above work. The NBCC has already submitted the bill for the work done on this project and other expenses such as tax, registration, stamp duty etc. The chances of resumption of work by NBCC are not much.

Statement-IV

Progress on projects for which advance amount has not been released by clients

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Progress as on 30-6-1984
1	54 Houses, Ghat	2·43
2	12 Houses at Tunin	29%
3	12 Houses at Kalala	14·62%
4	Post Office and Telephone Exchange at Ghat	Not started
5	Dispensary at Fivat	Not started
6	Govt. Guest House, Ghat	Not started
7	Post Office at Barket	Not started
8	Stadium at Barkat	Not started
9	Health Centre at Barket	1·53%
10	Health Centre, Seon	Not started
11	Chest Clinic, Ghat	Not started
12	Medical Store, Ghat	Not started
13	Police Station, Ghat	Not started
14	Carpet Factory, Ghat	Not started
15	8 Schools and Stores in Ghat Area	1·83%
16	Super Market at Ghat	Not started
17	NTC and 60 Doctors Residence at Ghat	1·41% (Stopped by clients)
18	30 Houses, Fivat	Not started
19	30 Km road at Ghat	15·71%

Statement—V

Outstanding dues upto 30-6-84 in respect of Libyan works

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Amount
1	Housing & Hospital Projects	28·89
2	Bergain & Idree	2·69
3	Ghat Airport	2·49
	TOTAL	35·07

Statement VI

NBCC's strategy of operation for overseas Bidding:

NBCC's strategy of operation for Overseas, Projects especially in Libya and Iraq is to restrict bidding for selected Projects on the approved schemes for priority sector so as to ensure that problem of payment does not arise. NBCC is expecting

award of following projects in Libya and Iraq:—

LIBYA:

1. Construction of Utility Service and Ring Road for Municipality of Al-Abiar.

2. Road construction and improvement in Alshati (Brak-Idree Road).

3. Construction of 8.5 kilometres road in Brak.

IRAQ:

1. Water supply to various stations on Baghdad-Alqaim-Akashat Railway Project.

2. Construction of Station Engine Shed and Sick Line Shed and Ancillary work for Kubaisa Cement Factory, Iraq.

3. Construction of Restaurant and Caffetaria for Atomic Energy Commission, Iraq.

As regards Overseas Projects in countries other than Libya and Iraq, concerted efforts are being made to secure works in Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, United Arab Republic, Bahrain, Nepal, Sri Lanka etc.

Security measures for Indian team participating in Los Angeles Olympics

1863. SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India had asked the U.S. Government to take strict security measures for the safety of Indian Olympics athletes at Los Angeles;

(b) whether it is a fact that Dr. Jagjit Singh Chauhan, the so-called Khalistan leader, has opened his office recently in Los Angeles;

(c) whether it is also a fact that extremists from Punjab, who are living abroad, have threatened to kidnap the Indian athletes; and

(d) whether the U.S. Government has assured adequate protection to the Indian athletes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) Officials of the Indian Olympic Contingent at Los Angeles have been in touch with the officials of Los Angeles Olympic Organising Committee (LAOOC) to keep them apprised of the security requirements of the Indian Olympic Contingent. Security of the participating contingents including the Indian Olympics Contingent is the responsibility of the LAOOC and authorities of the host country.

Regarding parts (b) and (c) of the questions, Department of Sports have no information.

Huts built on Government Land

1864. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of huts built on the Central Government land in Bombay, *i.e.* on land belonging to the Ministries of Defence, Civil Aviation, and Railways, Central Public Works Department, Port Trust, etc., department-wise;

(b) the number of huts which have been provided with basic amenities; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide basic amenities to all huts?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) According to information received from the Government of Maharashtra, the details of